

2nd Annual EXPO Another Success



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We wish to thank all the vendors, speakers, and attendees that helped make our 2nd Annual EXPO a success at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. Our plans are to continue to move this event around the state to reach out to all our systems, DPWs, etc.

The event actually started on Wednesday, September 16th with the vendor's arrival and set up. After set up was completed, we wanted to show our appreciation to our vendors, so Don Sherwood provided an excellent barbecue dinner for those present. Special thanks to Don for his generous contribution.

The day of the EXPO began very early with registration and a fantastic breakfast cooked and served by our staff for all attendees and vendors. Next, the events of the day were in full swing with attendees spending quality time with the vendors and watching several live demonstrations; participating in the scheduled one hour training sessions; participating in the operator challenges – including backhoe rodeo, meter madness, and leak repair competitions. These events went on all morning and through the afternoon, with only a break for lunch that consisted of slow cooked smoked chicken, smoked spare ribs, beans, slaw, red potato salad, rolls, green salad and butter cream cake. Now doesn't that sound good?

If you haven't attended our EXPO yet, please plan to do so next year. I assure you a great day of fun, networking, new products, hands-on demonstrations, great competitions, good food, and recertification contact hours. What more could you ask for?

Join us next September at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, you won't regret it. Below is a list of the vendors who took time out of their busy schedules to support Rural Water and participate in this event. We say "thank you" to all of them and especially Koester Associates for sponsoring the EXPO shirts and the magnetic signs, and thanks to Lamont Engineers for sponsoring the EXPO bags.

Thank you to the following exhibitors for supporting the event:

Aftek, Inc; USA Bluebook; Dyer Sales; Ti-Sales; Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co.; Stenner Pump Company; Lamont Engineers; Schmidts Wholesale; Troy Motor Service; Master Meter; KOM Automation; Mueller Company; GE Analytical Instruments; Titan

Technologies International; RAMSCO; Pollardwater.com; Brick Tavern Concrete Products; Lash Contracting; ESC Environmental – JEM Enterprises; Cyclops Process Equipment; Koester Associates; Robert Green Truck Division; Nibscos Automation; Everett J. Prescott; Prowler Leak Detection; NORTRAX NE, LLC; Eastcom Associates; Joe Johnson Equipment (USA) Inc.; Newburgh Winwater Works Co.; Songer Contracting; Siewert Equipment; Hydrovac Excavating; Vellano Bros.; PCS Pump and Process; and Vari-Tech.

Go to our website <http://www.nyruralwater.org/PictureGallery/2009ExpoPics/2009expo.cfm> to view all the photos taken for this event.

We received an email from one of the attendees at the 2009 Expo – who wrote *"I have to say that the EXPO was to date, my favorite training event by NYRWA. Lots of great ideas."* ♦